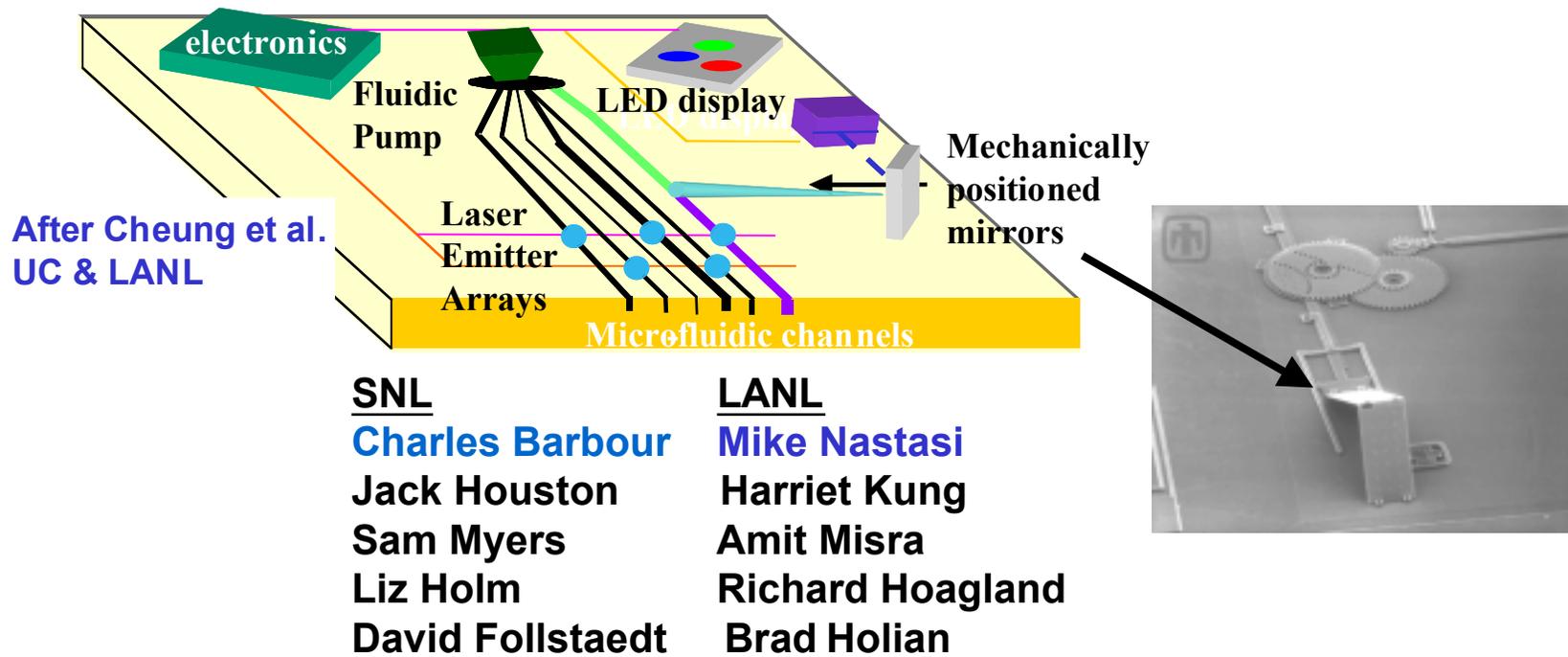




# Nanomechanics

The production of mechanical work at the nanoscale and the transduction of energy from nano- to microscale systems



**Advances in nanomechanics will lead to new integrated systems**

- couple mechanical response with electrical, optical, magnetic, and chemical stimuli between micro- and nano-length scales.

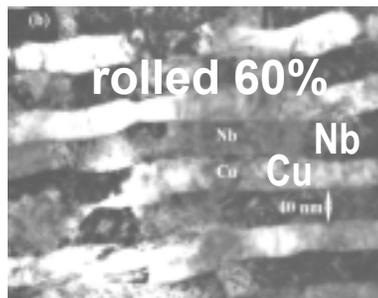


# Nanomechanics: Key Scientific Issues

Understand the mechanisms and limits of mechanical deformation and stability of materials, and the transfer of energy to and from materials.

**Nanostructured Materials** ↔ **Unique mechanical properties**

**Nanoscale Architectures** ↔ **Tools to perform work and probe material properties.**



Kung,  
Misra  
-  
LANL



Friedmann, Sullivan, Dugger, LaVan - SNL

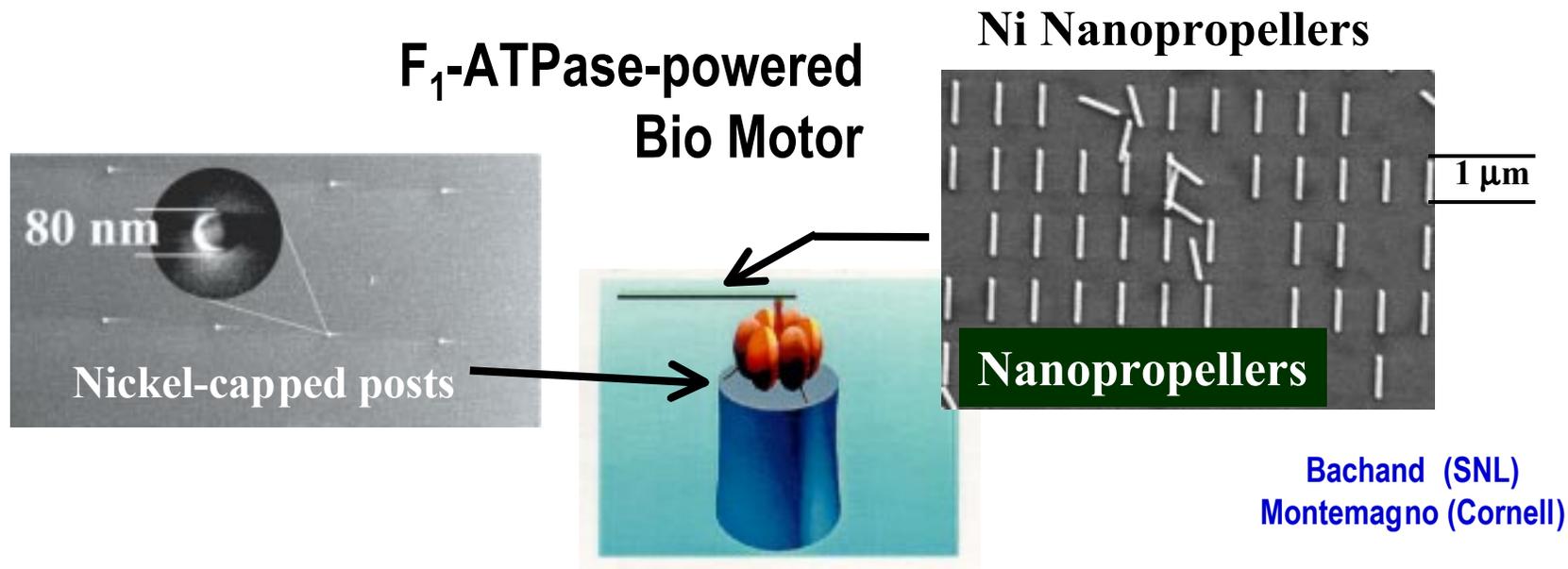
**Discover what unique mechanical properties occur because of size scale:**

- ★ **change in deformation processes - continuum to discrete**
- ★ **increased surface area to volume ratio - increased stored energy**

**How can we learn from nature to better fabricate and utilize nanoscale mechanical systems - better integrate dissimilar materials?**



# Nanomechanics Integrated with Bio-Functions



Bachand (SNL)  
Montemagno (Cornell)

- **Angular velocity:**  
Mean = ~4.4 Hz Max = 8.5 Hz
- **Rotary torque\*** = ~120 pN·nm
- **Efficiency** = 50% (-7.3 kcal/mol ATP)

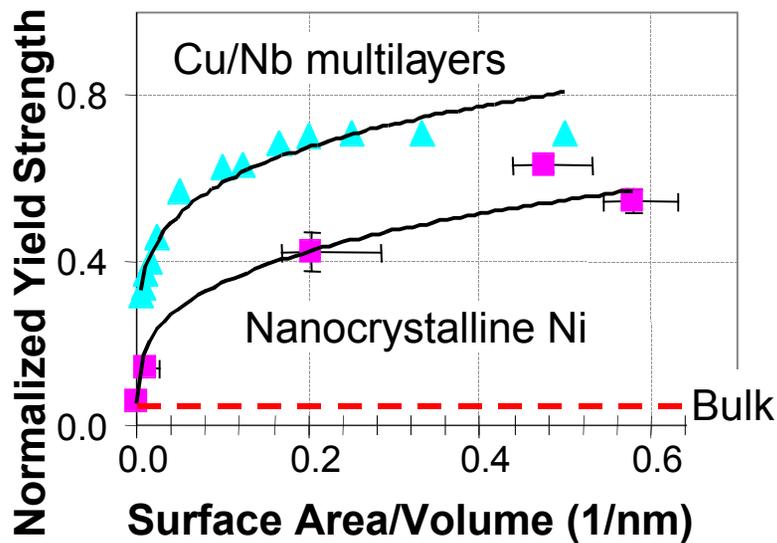
**Materials Issues: Adhesion, Yield Strength, Cyclic Fatigue, Frictional Losses ...**



# Nanomechanics: Nanoscale Deformation Physics

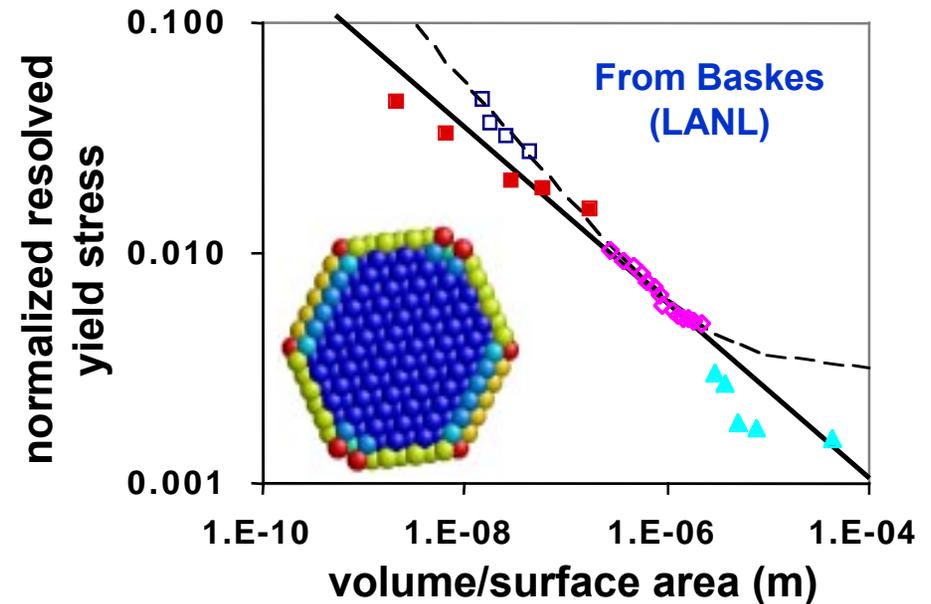


**New mechanical behavior for high interface/volume ratio**



Misra, Kung (LANL)  
Knapp, Follstaedt (SNL)

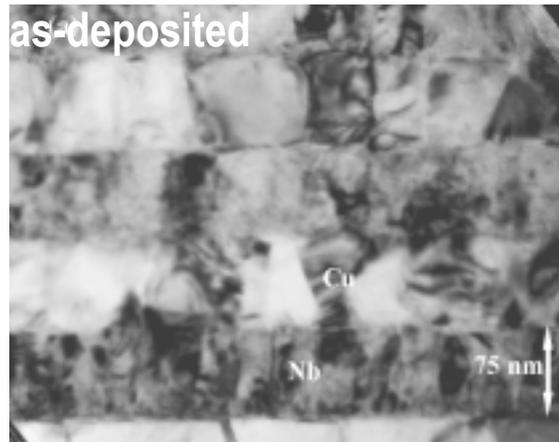
**Modeling: large fraction of interface atoms increases strength**



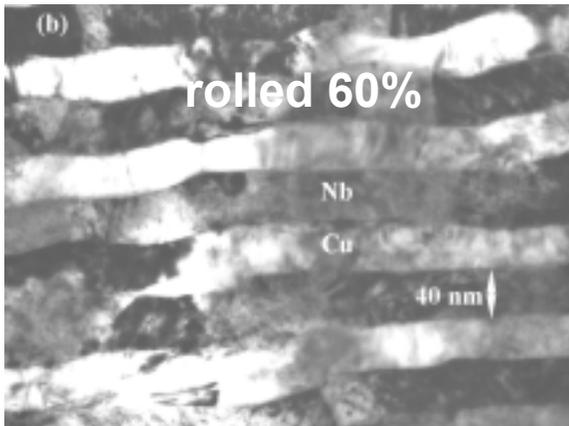
**Science: Understand Deformation Mechanisms for High Interface/ Volume Ratio**  
- predict transition from continuum to discrete behavior



# Unique Strain Energy Storage and Dissipation at Nanoscale



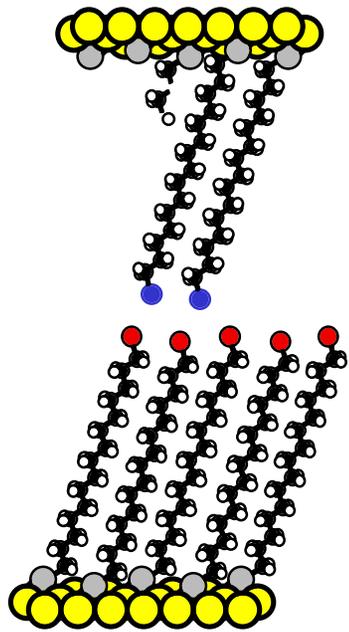
LANL has studied dislocation storage and annihilation mechanisms in materials with large fraction of atoms at surfaces and interfaces



No accumulation of dislocation damage within the layers; In fact, lower defect density after cold rolling

**Unique properties obtained from nanostructuring  
- allows control over strain energy storage**

Nastasi,  
Kung, Misra -  
LANL



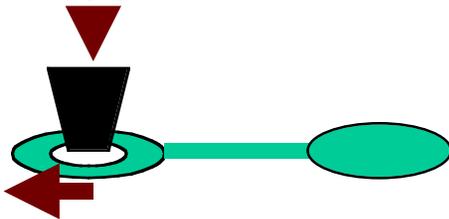


# Probe the Properties of Nanostructured Materials

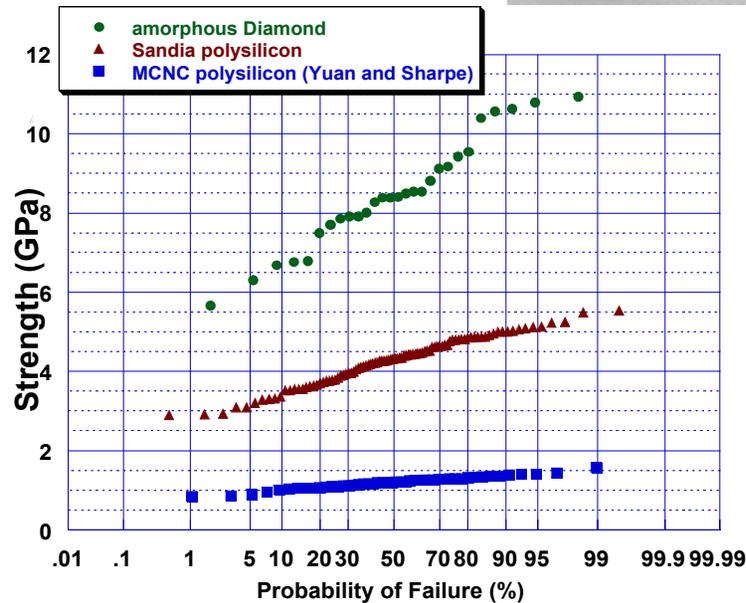
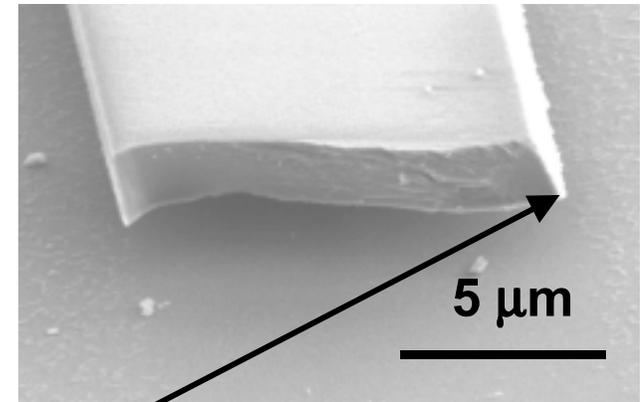
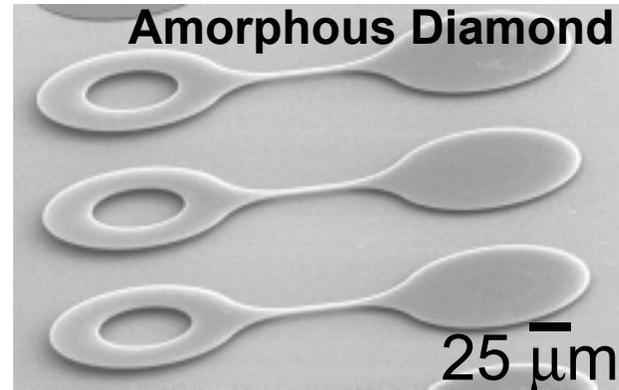


## Tensile Testing using Nanoindenter

1. Approach



2. Lateral motion



flaw initiates near corner

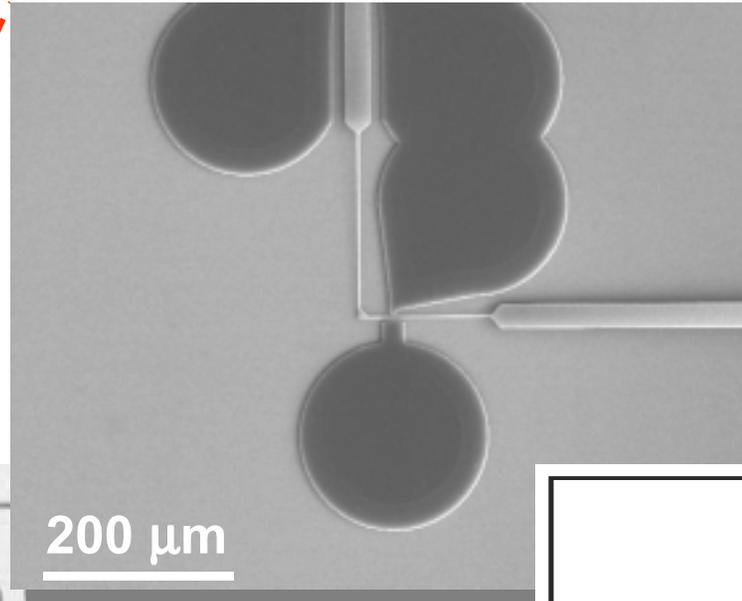
- Measure a-D fracture toughness and strength
- Fracture Strength  $8.5 \pm 1.4$  GPa
- Toughness  $K_{IC} = 8 \text{ MPa}\cdot\text{m}^{1/2}$

*What happens when test piece is nanoscale - what do these terms mean then?*

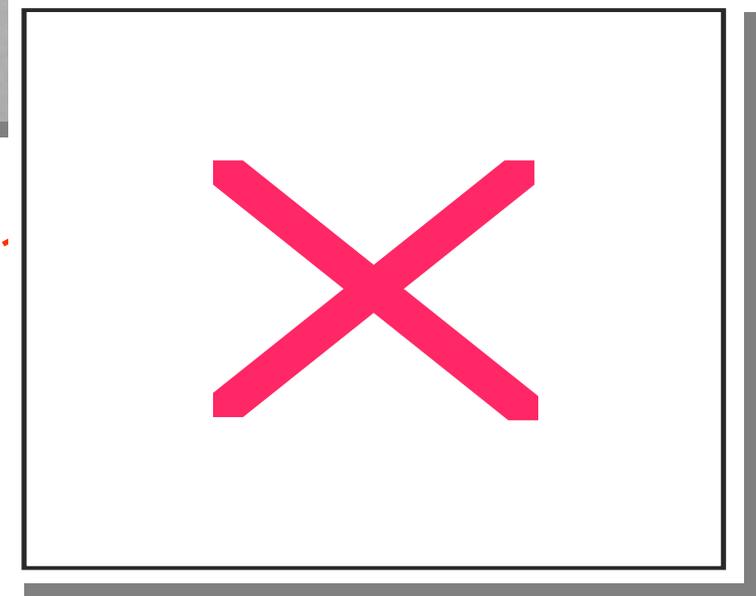
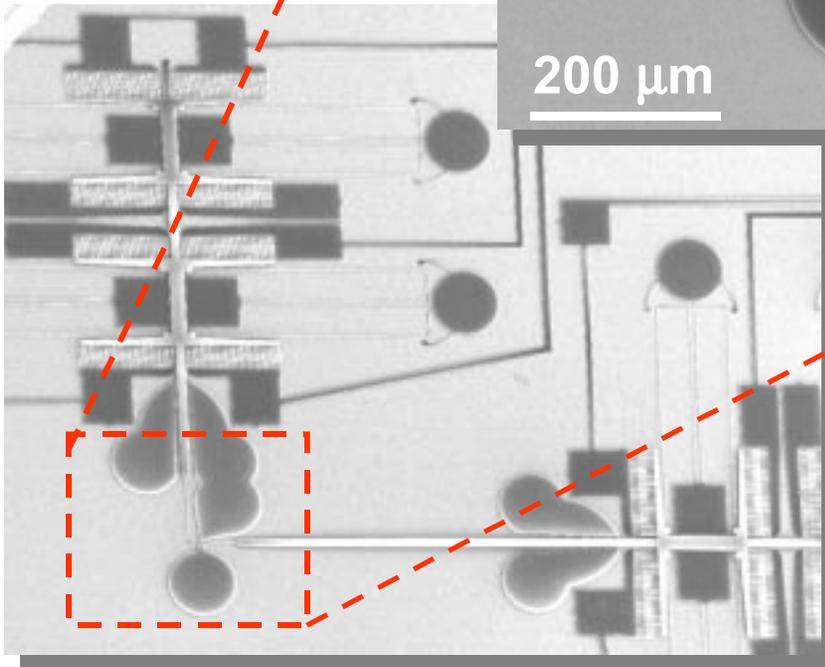


# Probe Properties and Link Nano to Micro Scale

2 orthogonal comb drives pull-in and drive a beam against a point of rubbing contact



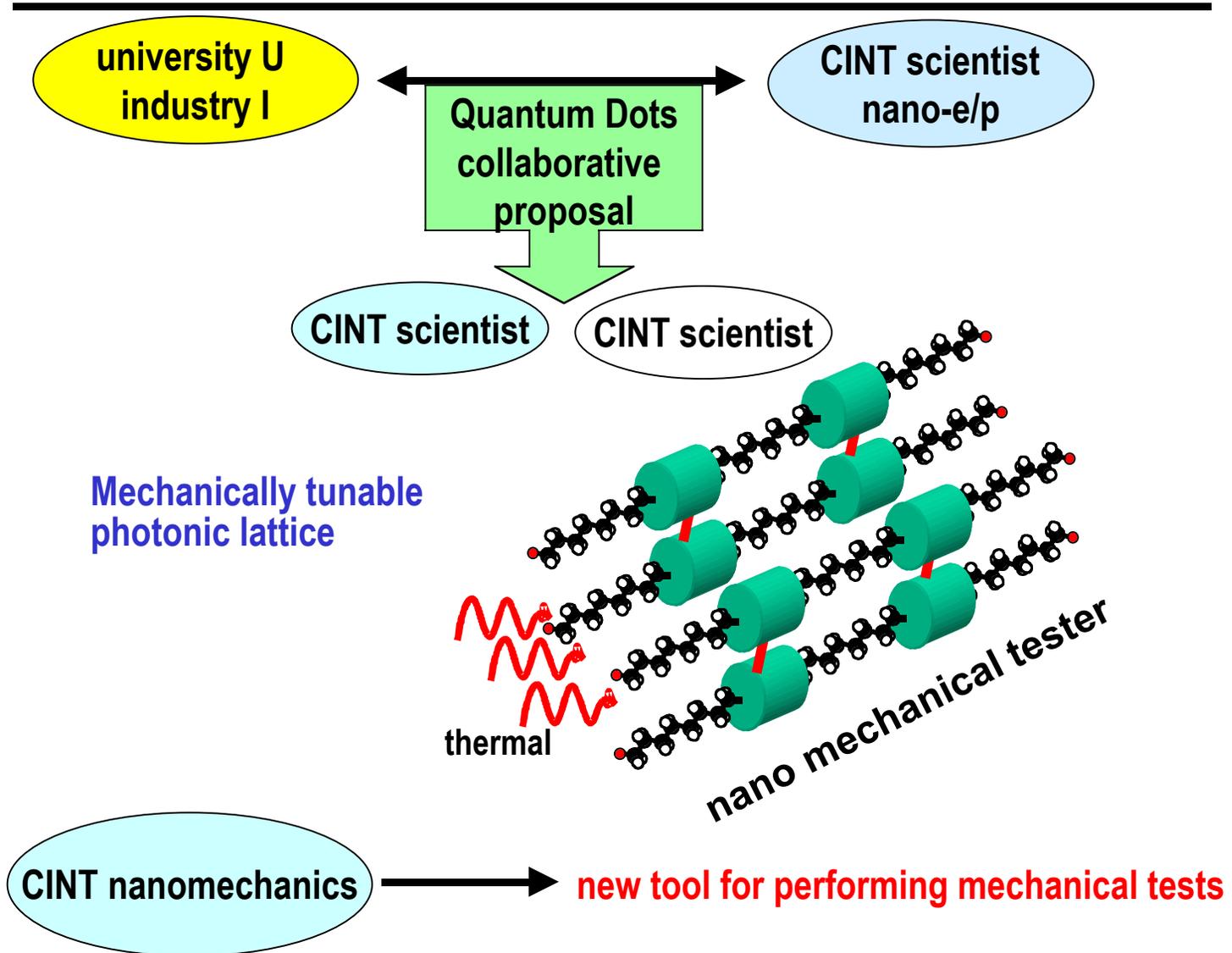
**Friction and Wear Using MEMS Structures**



*M. Dugger design, modified by D. LaVan*



# Future Nano-Machines: Test Materials & Perform Work





# CINT Capabilities: Nanomechanics

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## Experimental Equipment: VIBRATION SENSITIVE

**NanoFab facility: including e-beam lithography, deposition tools (PVD, PLD, electrodeposition)**

**Optical microscope & optical profilometry**

**X-Ray w/ in-situ mech. testing: diffractometer, reflectometer, SAXS**

**SEM-high resolution**

**FIB cutting/materials modification**

**SEM- environmental for high Pressure and bio work**

**Nanoindenter**

**SPM- IFM, etc.**

**AFM-general purpose**

**TEM w/ in-situ mechanical testing**

**Nano tensile-test room (the manufactured device is the test)**

**Nano fracture-test room (the manufactured device is the test)**

university U / industry I  
respond to website



Walk away with new tool  
for nanomechanical tests



# Nanomechanics: Opportunities for novel and exciting research

Your opportunity to discuss the exciting collaborations in nanomechanics:

First opportunity is after this presentation and in the **breakout sessions** tomorrow

Also, you can give your views in the questionnaire - registration packet



# **CINT Capabilities Probe Mechanical Properties at the Nanoscale and Link Nano to Micro World**



## **Experimental Areas:**

### **Measurement of Nano-Materials Mechanical Strength and ability to do Work**

- .stress-strain measurements: tensile tests and compression test**
- .high strain-rate measurements: fracture mechanics**
- .tribological properties at the molecular level**
- .adhesion strength**
- .cyclic fatigue strength**



# *F<sub>1</sub>-ATPase-powered Nanopropeller System*



- Mean angular velocity = ~4.4 Hz
- Maximum angular velocity = 8.5 Hz
- Functional Duration = >2 hrs
- Rotary torque\* = ~120 pN·nm
- Efficiency = 50% (-7.3 kcal/mol ATP)

$$* \tau = \frac{4\pi\mu\omega(L_1^3 + L_2^3)}{3 \cosh^{-1}(h/r)}$$

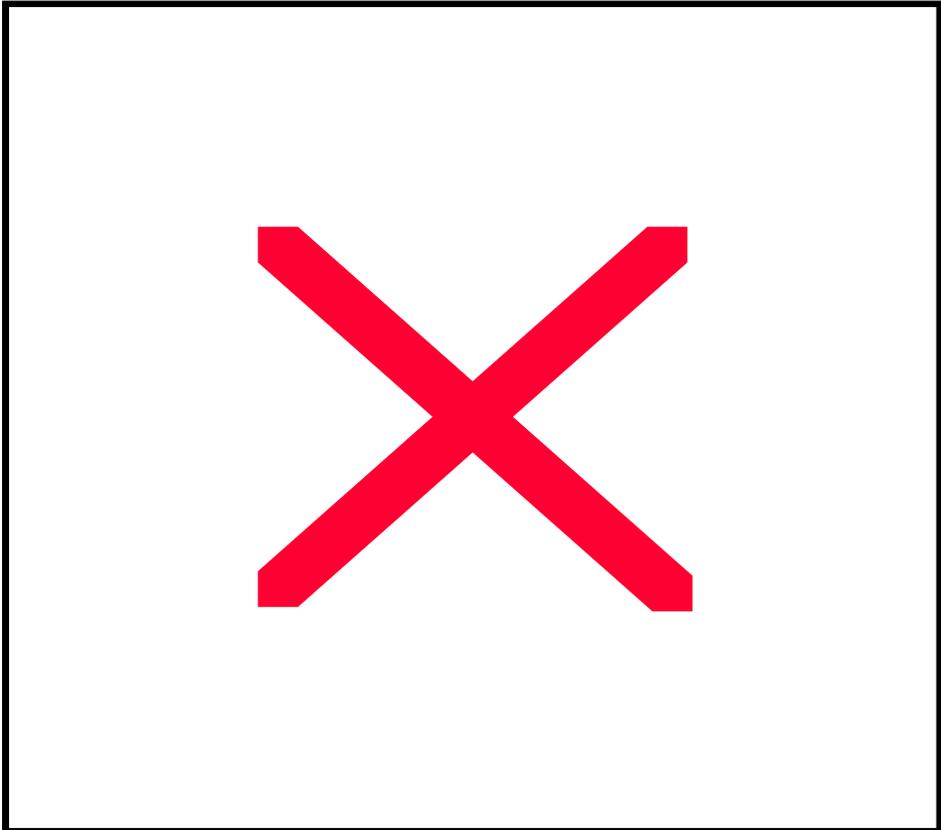
where:

$\mu$  = viscosity of medium ( $10^{-3} \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}\cdot\text{s}^{-2}$ )

$L_1$  and  $L_2$  = length of the propellers extending from the rotational axis

$r$  = radius of propeller (150 nm)

$h$  = height relative to the surface (200 nm)

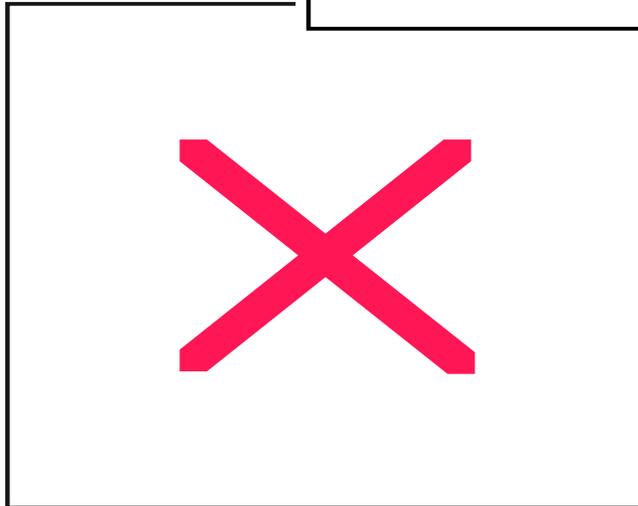
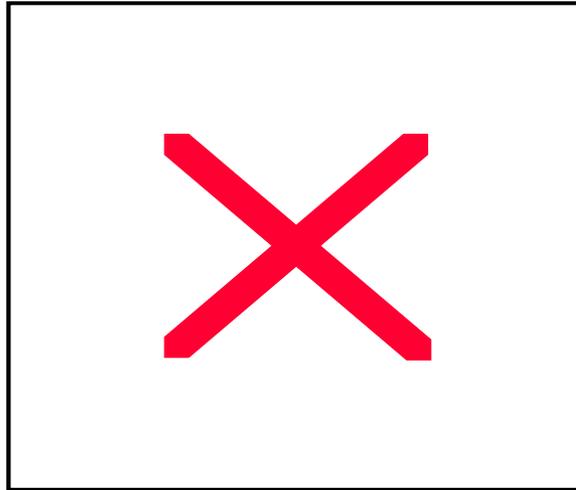




# Nano-electromechanical Oscillators (NEMOs)



*Yasumura et al.,  
J. of MEMS 9,  
117, '00*

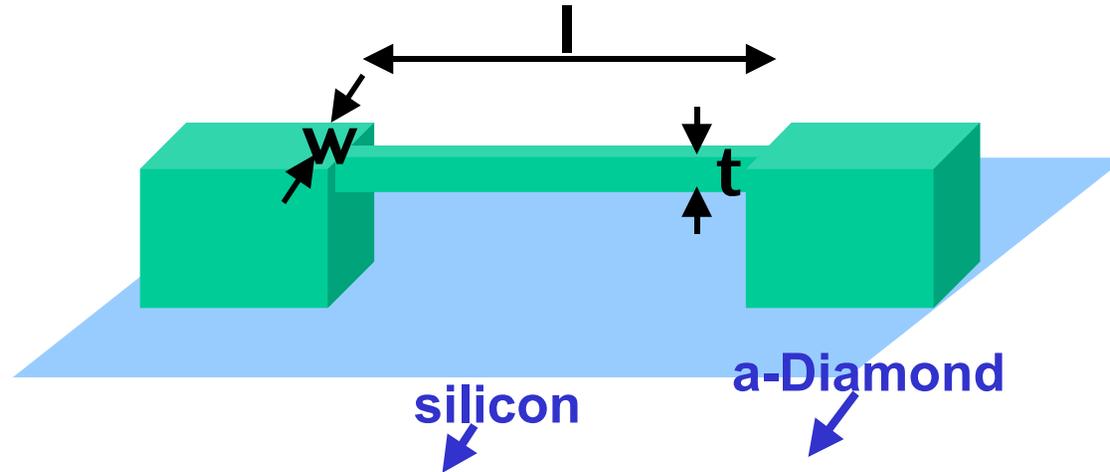


*Cleland & Roukes, APL 69, 2653, '96*



## High Elastic-Modulus Amorphous Diamond for High-Resonant Frequency Structures

For a doubly-clamped beam:



contact lithography	$l \times w \times t$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	$\omega_0$ (Si*)
	100 x 3 x 0.1	77 kHz
optical lithography	10 x 0.2 x 0.1	7.7 MHz
nano-lithography	1 x 0.05 x 0.05	380 MHz
nano-lithography	0.1 x 0.01 x 0.01	7.7 GHz

$\omega_0$ (a-D)
150 kHz
15 MHz
0.8 GHz
15 GHz

These high-resonant frequency structures are potentially useful for RF signal processing or ultra-low force sensors, but **need high Q.**

\*Roukes, *Sol. State Sensors & Actuators* (2000).

NOTE:  $\omega_0 \sim (E/\rho)^{1/2}$